



FOWEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1962

To :-

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS
OF THE BOROUGH OF FOWEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough of Fowey for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

Dr. J. Turner was your Medical Officer of Health during the year 1962, and I did not take up office until the latter part of 1963. I will therefore make no comment but let the figures speak for themselves.

I am indebted to Mr. Little of Fowey Grammar School for the weather report and to Mr. Birkett, Public Health Inspector, for other portions of this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MCGOVERN,
Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	...	...	2,979
Population (mid year)	...	...	2,090
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	1,030
Rateable Value	...	...	£73,347
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	£140-2-3

Live Births				Rate/1000 Population	
	Male	Female	Total	Fowey	England & Wales
Legitimate	19	19			
Illegitimate	1	1	40	19.1	
Rate corrected for comparison					
	with other areas			20.2	18.
Illegitimate births	% of total live births			5.	

Still Births	Rate/1000 live and still births				
Legitimate	0	0			18.1
Illegitimate	0	0			

Total Live and Still Births 40

Infant Deaths					
Legitimate	1	1	2		
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
Rate per 1000 total live births				50.	21.6
„ „ „ legitimate				52.6	
„ „ „ illegitimate				0.	

Neo-natal Deaths	Rate/1000 Live Births				
Under 4 weeks	1	1	2	50.1	15.1

Early neo-natal deaths

Under 1 week	1	0	1	25.
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Peri-natal deaths	Rate/1000 Live and Still Births			
Still births and deaths under 1 week				
	I	O	I	25.

Maternal Deaths	0	0	0.0	0.35
Deaths (all ages and causes)			Rate/1000 Population	
	18	15	33	15.7
Corrected for comparison with other areas			13.5	11.9

The following table gives the numbers dying in each age group

Age Group	Numbers ;	Males	Females
0 - 1	...	1	1
1 - 59	...	5	3
60 - 69	...	6	1
70 - 79	...	3	4
80 - 89	...	3	6
90 +	..	0	0
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Infant Mortality

Causes of Death in Infants under 1 year

Prematurity	1 (3 hours)
Icterus Haemorrhagica Neonatorum			1 (1 week)

The following is a list of the causes of death :

	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	0	0	0
2. „ other ...	0	0	0
3. Syphilitic disease ...	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria ...	0	0	0
5. Whooping cough ...	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal infections ...	0	0	0
7. Acute poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0
8. Measles ...	0	0	0
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	0
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	0	1	1
11. „ „ lung, bronchus	2	0	2
12. „ „ breast	0	0	0
13. „ „ uterus	0	0	0
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	1	1	2
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	0	0	0
16. Diabetes ...	2	0	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	2	3
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	6	3	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0
20. Other heart disease... ..	3	1	4
21. Other circulatory diseases ...	0	2	2
22. Influenza	0	0	0
23. Pneumonia	0	0	0
24. Bronchitis	2	0	2
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	0	0	0
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	0	0
28. Nephritis, and nephrosis ...	1	0	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	0	0	0
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31. Congenital malformations ...	0	0	0
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	4	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	0	0	0
34. All other accidents	0	1	1
35. Suicide	0	0	0
36. Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
All causes :	18	15	33

SECTION A.

Area (2,979 acres) The district consists of the estuarine Town of Fowey, the Hamlets of Newtown, Polkerris and Polmear, and a large rural background. China Clay is exported from the Port in large quantities, and the Town is yearly increasing in popularity as a Seaside Resort, for Summer visitors. These two combine to make the principle industries.

Population. The Registrar General's population figure for 1962 was 2,090. The temporary Summer population is estimated to add another 3,000.

Meteorological Data.

1962 OF	Highest Max. Lowest Min.	Mean Max. Mean Min.	Abs. Mean Mthly. Ave.	Rain dys. Wet dys. Very wet dys.	Greatest fall	Total Rain Mnthly. Ave.	Other factors and remarks
JAN.	55	49.7	44.8	25		6.96	Snow lying 1st; Hail 8th, 12th, 13th, 16th
	27	39.9	44.	12	0.77	3.98	Thunder 16th, 22nd; Air Frost 1st - 4th;
FEB.	54	47.9	43.5	15		1.98	Gale 10th, 15th. Cld 1st 4 dys.-rainy, mild
	28	38.9	44.	10	0.31	2.99	Snow 14th, 26th-28th, Snow lying 27th
MAR.	54	46.6	40.9	3		1.28	28th; Air Frost 26th-28th; Gale 12th.
	26	35.1	45.	7	1.02	2.76	Cold spell with snow at end of month
APRIL	65	53.9	48.1	12		2.22	Snow 2nd, 5th, Snow lying 3rd; Sleet
	34	42.2	48.	9	0.79	2.19	14th; Hail 31st; Fog 11th; Gale 7th;
MAY	62	56.6	51.2	17		2.54	Air frost 1st, 6th, 18th, 22nd V. cold Mch.
	38	45.7	53.	7		2.44	Thunder 3rd; Gale 4th. About average
JUNE	74	64.1	56.5	7		0.24	Thunder 25th; Fog 6th. Rather cool.
	38	48.8	58.	0	0.09	1.95	Thunder 25th; Fog 6th. Rather cool.
JULY	75	66.1	60.0	14		2.45	Thunder 15th, 24th; Fog 18th.
	43	53.9	61.	5	0.70	2.61	Mainly cool and showery.
AUG.	69	65.1	59.5	19		2.76	No very wet days, but many rainy
	47	53.8	61.	5	0.44	2.29	days, cool.
SEPT.	68	63.1	56.9	15		2.78	Fog 10th; Gale 28th. Continuing
	41	50.7	59.	4	0.40	2.70	rainy and cool.
OCT.	67	6.08	54.1	8		1.54	Fog 10th; Gale 28th. Continuing
	36	47.3	53.	3	0.40	3.89	rainy and cool.
NOV.	57	50.9	46.0	14		3.36	Hail 3rd; Thunder 30th; Fog 11th, 18th
	13	41.1	47.	5	0.99	4.24	Long dry spell
DEC.	54	48.2	43.4	19		5.09	Snow 19th; Hail 4th; Air frost 13th,
	24	38.6	45.	9	1.29	4.16	14th, 22nd; Gale 17th. Some cold
							periods.
							Snow 12th, 29th, Snow lying 30th;
							Hail 13th, 18th, 28th; Thunder 12th;
							Air Frost 24th-30th. V. cold frm. 21st.

Total rainfall for year : 35.24 inches. Average yearly rainfall : 36.74 inches.

SECTION B

Public Health Officers

- (a) Medical Officer of Health: J. G. S. TURNER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
1/1/62 - 31/12/62 Tel. St. Austell 2206
Area Health Office,
Moorland Road, St. Austell.

- (b) Public Health Inspector (part time) :
A. J. BIRKETT, M.R.S.I. 1/1/62 - 31/12/62

Laboratory Facilities

All investigations are carried out at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, where material is sent for investigation.

Prophylaxis of Infectious Disease

In addition to the usual diphtheria prophylactics, supplies of whooping cough vaccine and of tetanus toxoid are available in various combinations and can be obtained by Medical Practitioners at the Area Office, St. Austell. Oral Poliomyelitis vaccine is now available in quantity.

Nursing in the home

There is one District Nurse - Midwife - Health Visitor for the area.

Domestic Help Service

This service it of particular help to the aged.

Maternity and Child Welfare

All mothers and children are visited in their homes by the Nurse. Expectant mothers attend the Clinic in St. Austell.

Hospitals

The Town has a small 13 bedded hospital. Patients requiring specialised treatment go to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary in Truro, or to Redruth.

Clinics

Practically all the special clinics are held in St. Austell, either at the hospital or at Moorland Road.

SECTION C.

Water

Early in the year the Jetty main was disconnected from local supplies, and fed from the Fowey River Scheme. The whole Borough was then supplied directly from the Fowey River Scheme, with the exception of Polkerris village which has a private supply, and several properties in the Menabilly area.

Supplies have been adequate throughout the year. Bacteriologically Fowey River Scheme water supplies were satisfactory at all times.

Number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains		
	Direct 975	Standpipes 7
Number of population supplied	1,990	15

Drainage.

All outfall sewers drain to the beaches, where they discharge without treatment, as reported in previous years. No major works have been carried out, although the necessity for new sewers and a satisfactory disposal scheme becomes more urgent each year. At Polkerris, minor repairs were carried out during the year, and the Council were considering the advisability of a scheme to re-sewer the village and install a permanent disposal installation and out-sewer, to the sea.

Disinfections Nil.

Rodent Control. There were no major infestations reported. All complaints have been dealt with, and sewers regularly treated.

Conveniences.

Public conveniences within the Borough - 7 ladies
7 gents

SECTION D. HOUSING

Slum Clearance

16 dwellings were completed and occupied at Green Lane Estate, during the year, these comprising 8 two-bedroom bungalows and 8 two-bedroom houses. 7 of the huts at Windmill were occupied at the end of the year, the remainder having been demolished.

New Houses

6 new houses were completed during the year and 4 houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Repairs and Re-conditioning

11 standard grants were authorised during the year, and private reconditioning etc., continued throughout the period.

SECTION E.

Ice Cream

There are 25 retailers, but no manufacturers within the Borough.

Food Premises

47 visits of inspection were made to registered food premises. No complaints were received from the general public.

Condemned Foodstuffs

98 lbs. of canned and fresh meats and 320 lbs. other food-stuff were condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption.

SECTION F

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other diseases.

Diseases	Notified during 1962
Measles ...	12 cases
Paralytic Poliomyelitis ...	1 case

Smallpox Vaccination. During the year there were 130 primary vaccinations, and 173 re-vaccinations.
14 of these were under 1 year of age.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The following table gives the number of immunisations carried out during the year.

Children born during the year:

	1962	61	60	59	58	57-53	52-48	Total
Primary immunisation	6	17	1	-	1	2	2	29
Reinforcing injections					8	13	6	27

Tuberculosis The total number of cases on the register at 31st December 1962 was as follows:- (the figures in brackets are those for 1961)

		Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	...	9 (11)	7 (7)	16 (18)
Non-pulmonary	...	1 (1)	3 (3)	4 (4)

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

Oral vaccine has now replaced the salt vaccine. Ample supplies are available.

Tuberculosis Prevention

For several years the Cornwall County Council has offered protection to school leavers against tuberculosis by means of B.C.G. vaccination. The vaccine is offered to those children who have not been given protective vaccine already, or who have not had some tuberculosis infection - this being demonstrated by a skin test.

In 1962 the scheme was extended to take in the 12 and 13 year age groups. A total of 1203 children were tested and 961 received vaccination. These figures are for the whole of Health Area IV, since the school population of Fowey Borough and the Urban District is not confined to the district only, but as in the case of Fowey includes children from the surrounding districts.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948.

1. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health
(including visits made by the Public Health Inspector)

PREMISES	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices Occupiers prosecuted
I. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	3	6	—
II. Factories not included in (I) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	10	10	—
TOTAL	13	16	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Found	Remedied to	Referred Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted Remedies by informal action
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	2	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	—	—	—	—	
TOTAL	—	—	—	2	

